

F. No. 4-14/2020 WL  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Wildlife Division)

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Dated: 17.12.2020

To,  
The Pay and Accounts Officer,  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,  
New Delhi – 110 003.

**Sub: Release of Grants-in-Aid (General) for the financial year 2020-21 to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for the implementation of Externally Aided Project of GOI-UNDP-GEF "Securing livelihoods, conservation, sustainable use and restoration of high range Himalayan ecosystems (SECURE Himalaya) in Himachal Pradesh- reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to release the payment of

Rs. 2,29,42,680.00 (Rupees Two Crore, Twenty-Nine Lakh, Forty-Two Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty Only) as Grants-in-Aid (General) for the financial year 2020-21 to State Government of Himachal Pradesh for the implementation of Externally Aided GOI-UNDP-GEF Project: "Securing livelihoods, conservation, sustainable use and restoration of high range Himalayan ecosystems (SECURE Himalaya) in Himachal Pradesh. The amount will be spent for the implementation of the project for the items of works, mentioned in **ANNEXURE-I**.

2. The funds, being released as mentioned above are provisional and subject to audit by CAG empanelled Chartered Accountant/Firm. Further, the funds would also be subject to adjustments as per the terms and conditions levied at the time of approval of financial assistance for the scheme.


3. The State Government of Himachal Pradesh should ensure that:

i. All procurement/consultancies are awarded as per GFR 2017; GFR is followed by implementing agency along with the economic instructions issued by the Government of India from time to time.

ii. The expenditure should be incurred during the financial year 2020-21 on the sanctioned items of work as enumerated in **ANNEXURE I** and no deviation is made without the prior approval of this Ministry. In case there is any unspent balance at the end of financial year 2020-21, the same may either be re-validated for the next financial year with the due approval of this Ministry or it should be adjusted in the Grants-in-Aid (General) release of the next financial year.

iii. The expenditure incurred remains identifiable and quarterly reimbursement claims are forwarded to this Ministry.

iv. The expenditure to be incurred conforms to the extant norms/regulations of the Government of India and also to the procurement procedure/guidelines of the UNDP.

  
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Otherwise, it will not be reimbursable and remain outstanding against the State Government of Himachal Pradesh.

- v. Duly audited utilization certificates as per the format [General Financial Rule-239 form (12C)] along with physical/financial progress reports are furnished to the Ministry for the release of next installment. Statement of Expenditure, satellite photographs and latitude longitude coordinates before and after completion of work to be obtained and uploaded on the website of the implementing agency as well as of the Ministry for public access.
- vi. The interest accrued on the amount of Grants-in-Aid (General) is to be accounted as per the provisions in General Financial Rules, 2017.
- vii. The State Government of Himachal Pradesh will provide quarterly physical and financial progress reports to this Ministry.
- viii. There should not be any overlapping of activities/duplication of work under the project with the activities of ongoing scheme of Central/State Government.
- ix. All payments are made by bank transfer, where applicable through DBT particularly of labourers, and no cash payment is to be made.
- x. Evidence of deposit of TDS, in case of contract payment and leviable goods, are obtained along with the UC and compliance of DBT scheme (where applicable), has to be ensured in all payments.
- xi. In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI contributions of employees shall be obtained, wherever applicable.
- xii. If the implementing agency does not use the fund for the purpose for which it was given, and it has neither been revalidated for next financial year or adjusted in the Grants-in-Aid (General) of next financial year by this Ministry, in that case, the Implementing Agency has to refund the same with interest.
- xiii. The Fixed Assets created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without approval of this Ministry.
- xiv. The members of scheduled caste/tribe communities are involved in all the "Securing livelihoods, conservation, sustainable use and restoration of high range Himalayan ecosystems (SECURE Himalaya) project activities and gender equality is maintained.

4. The sanction shall be subject to the provisions contained in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, Wetland (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017, Forest Conservation Act 1980, Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Biological Diversity Act, 2002 along with the amendments from time to time and rules framed thereunder.

5. The funds are subject to terms and conditions contained in the signed Project Document between the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi – 110003; UNDP India and accepted by the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

6. In accordance with the revised procedure the Reserve Bank of India may please be advised to pass on the credit to the Central Accounts Section, Nagpur for transferring the funds to the accounts of Government of Himachal Pradesh and to debit the amount to the Account of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

7. The expenditure involved is debited to the Major Head '3601' Grants-In-aid to States Governments (Major Head) 3601.06-Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Sub Major Head), 3601.06.102-Externally Aided Projects – Grants for Centrally Sponsored Scheme (Minor Head), 3601.06.102.31- Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (Sub Head), 3601.06.102.31.01- Development of Wildlife Habitats (Detailed Head), 3601.06.102.31.01.31 - Grants-in-Aid-General under Demand No. 25 of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and




Climate Change for the year 2020-21.

8. This issues with the concurrence of the Integrated Finance Division of this Ministry vide their Dy. No. 141186/AS&FA(PG) dated 11.12.2020.


9. This sanction has been noted at Sl. No. 2 in the register of Grants-in-Aid for the GOI-UNDP-GEF "Securing livelihoods, conservation, sustainable use and restoration of high range Himalayan ecosystems (SECURE Himalaya) project for the financial year 2020-21.

Yours faithfully,  
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3. PCCF (WL), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. Nodal Officer (SECURE Himalayas, Himachal Pradesh) and the Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF), Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
5. The Accountant General, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
6. The Principal Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002.
7. The Plan Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi-110001.
8. IFD, MoEF&CC, New Delhi-110003.
9. The Resident Representative, UNDP India, Lodhi Estate 55, New Delhi-110001.
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## Annual Work Plan (2020-21), Himachal Pradesh

## ANNEXURE-I

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	APPROVED ACTIVITIES	APPROVED BUDGET Amount in Rs. (Lakh)		
		Through Country Support Services from  UNDP	Through Grant-in-Aid General  from MoEF&CC	Total Amount
<b>Outcome 1: Improved management of high range Himalayan landscapes for conservation of snow leopard and other endangered species and their habitats and sustaining ecosystem services</b>				
Output 1.1: Landscape level management strategies that integrate biodiversity, ecosystem services, climate mitigation, sustainable community resource use and socio-economic considerations in a gender responsive manner are developed discussed with stakeholders and supported.	1.1.1. Prepare Participatory Integrated Landscape Level Management Strategy and Plans by defining extent of Landscape in SECURE Himalaya Project Landscapes	29,97,500.00	Nil	29,97,500.00
	1.1.2 Supporting selective interventions for improvement of METT Score of Seichu Tuan Nalla Wildlife Sanctuary -Patrolling Kits/ Equipments -Joint Patrolling exercises with local community antipoaching teams (2 exercises) -Capacity Building and Community sensitization workshops (3) on importance of P.A. its values, Dos and Donts for visitors, wildlife crime etc.	Nil	6,00,000.00	6,00,000.00
	<b>Total of 1.1</b>	<b>29,97,500.00</b>	<b>6,00,000.00</b>	<b>35,97,500.00</b>
Output 1.2: Site specific participatory management plans for Protected Areas, and other Key Biodiversity Areas, including High Conservation Value Forests, Biodiversity Heritage Sites and biological corridors, and sustainable natural resource use areas designed and tested under community governance, management and enforcement regimes.	1.2.1. Preparation of Land Use Maps, Vegetation Cover; and Biodiversity Status Report in SECURE Himalaya Project Landscapes	24,63,750.00	Nil	24,63,750.00
	1.2.2. Identify, assessing, delineating and mapping forests/ areas with High Conservation Values (HCVs) and developing management recommendations/plans for them in SECURE Himalaya Project Landscapes	27,18,485.00	Nil	27,18,485.00
	1.2.3. Updating/ Developing the State Biodiversity Strategy and Actions Plans and Resource Mobilization Strategies for implementing the SBSAPs	31,30,875.00	Nil	31,30,875.00
	1.2.4. Developing a model conservation planning framework for high altitude wetlands-case studies in SECURE Himalaya project landscapes	18,07,500.00	Nil	18,07,500.00
	1.2.5 Support to the Special Area Development Authority (SADA), Keylong and District	Nil	5,00,000.00	5,00,000.00




	Administration, Lahaul for having improved system of Solid Waste Management and enhanced capacities and public awareness for the same.				
	1.2.6 State Biodiversity Board project on "Sustainable Livelihood Generation for Conservation of Biological Diversity through Participatory Involvement of Local Communities in Pangi and Lahaul regions of Himachal Pradesh" (3 year Project) -Formation/ Strengthening of the BMCs -Preparation of PBRs -Identification and Notification of BHSs -GI Registration -Biocultural Community Protocols (BCPs) -Contract Farming of RET MAPs	Nil	30,00,000.00	30,00,000.00	
	1.2.7 Beautification/Landscaping of Traditional Water Bodies/ Natural Water Springs in Lahaul and Pangi	Nil	8,00,000.00	8,00,000.00	
	1.2.8 Development of Medicinal Plant Conservation and Development Areas (MPCDA) i.e Proposal to be developed and submitted to NMPB under Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants for funding by respective forest divisions.	Nil	50,000.00	50,000.00	
	<b>Total of 1.2</b>		<b>1,01,20,610.00</b>	<b>43,50,000.00</b>	
Output	1.3	1.3.1. Assessment of extent and intensity of habitat degradation, to identify the drivers of degradation and develop a mitigation plan in alpine and sub-alpine areas in SECURE Himalaya Project landscapes	32,85,700.00	Nil	32,85,700.00
Alpine meadows and sub-alpine forest restoration plans are developed and introduced to local communities to improve biological connectivity and habitat productivity.		1.3.2 Establishment of Community Fodder Bank pilot through site development of wasteland/degraded land by plantation of fodder species i.e. Willow, Sea buckthorn, popular, palatable grass species etc and developing community governance mechanism for the same.	Nil	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00
		1.3.3 Improved innovative space/water heating energy solution in selected villages of Lahaul-Pangi Landscape to reduce direct pressure on natural resources i.e. Improved Chulla's/ Himalayan Rocket Stove	Nil	6,00,000.00	6,00,000.00
		1.3.4 Training of SECURE Pashu Mitra in Pangi Landscape in collaboration with AH/B Departments (30 Participants, 40% of them women participants)	Nil	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00

	<b>Total of 1.3</b>	<b>32,85,700.00</b>	<b>18,00,000.00</b>	<b>50,85,700.00</b>
Output 1.4 Biodiversity participatory monitoring for Snow leopard and associated species is developed, tested and adopted	<b>Total of 1.4</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil
Output 1.5 Lessons learned on biodiversity and multiple use landscape management approaches are developed and shared for policy and legislation changes including gender aspects.	<b>Total of 1.5</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil
Output 1.6 Capacity development for key government staff and community members for long-term effective conservation of biodiversity developed and implemented	1.6.1. Assessment of Capacity and Training Needs of Key Government Staff and Community members/ Institutions for long term effective biodiversity conservation and development of a framework for implementation in SECURE Himalaya Project Landscapes	28,83,625.00	Nil	28,83,625.00
	1.6.2 Training/workshops on role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Wildlife and Forest Management for Forest Staff (30 participants)	Nil	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00
	1.6.3 Training Workshop/s on Landscape approach to conservation	Nil	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00
	<b>Total of 1.6</b>	<b>28,83,625.00</b>	<b>5,00,000.00</b>	<b>33,83,625.00</b>
	<b>Total of Outcome 1</b>	<b>1,92,87,435.00</b>	<b>72,50,000.00</b>	<b>2,65,37,435.00</b>
<b>Outcome 2: Improved and diversified livelihood strategies and improved capacities of community and government institutions for sustainable based NRM and conservation to reduce pressure on fragile ecosystem</b>				
Output 2.1 Participatory community based village level micro plans developed for enhancing and diversifying livelihoods and improving natural resources management	2.1.2.1. Detailed assessment of Medicinal and Aromatic Plant (MAP) species including their collection, usage, demand, markets, price trends and life cycle, focusing on SECURE Himalaya Landscapes	29,62,400.00	Nil	29,62,400.00
	2.2.2 Developing livelihood strategy for Himachal Pradesh under SECURE Himalaya Project	10,01,439.00	Nil	10,01,439.00
	2.2.3. Assessment of existing impact of tourism activities and provide detailed recommendation for sustainable tourism activities with special focus on Nature based and adventure tourism in SECURE Himalaya project landscapes	1,99,057.00	Nil	1,99,057.00
	<b>Total of 2.1</b>	<b>41,62,896.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>41,62,896.00</b>
Output 2.2 Pilot projects on sustainable community based natural resources management, and sustainable livelihood activities are supported	2.2.1 Developing Ecotourism Model in Lahaul and Pangi Landscapes: - Developing and Promotion of Homestays - Protocols, rules and regulations for tourists - Installing signages/sign boards at strategic locations - Development of Important Trails/Other Points of Interest	Nil	25,00,000.00	25,00,000.00



	- Conducting training events for local community on bird watching, nature trails, plant, butterfly, moth and natural history guiding, use of digital tools (ebird, inaturalist, seasonwatch) , handicraft etc. - Formal Training and Certification of Local Guides, Porters, Cooks etc. - Organise competitions, contests and drives i.e art and craft competitions, photography contest, handicraft making event etc. - Organise Lahaul and Pangti Valley adventure weeks - Promotion of Lahaul and Pangti Eco-tourism model through internet and social media			
	2.2.2 Establishing Interpretation Centre cum Sales Outlet/SECURE Mitra Kendra in Killar (Renovation, Interior, Displays (Wildlife Flora and Fauna) and Furniture etc.)	Nil	25,00,000.00	25,00,000.00
	2.2.3 Support to Eco-Tourism Society in Lahaul and Pangti	Nil	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00
	2.2.5 Supporting Agriculture Department in their proposal for "Developing Model Village for Crop Diversification in Pangti Valley"	Nil	8,67,680.00	8,67,680.00
	<b>Total of 2.2</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>60,67,680.00</b>	<b>60,67,680.00</b>
Output	2.3			
New and enhanced value chain products and services providing ecologically sustainable livelihood are developed and implemented by local communities	2.3.1 Developing Seed Bank in Herbal Nursery/Garden on important MAPs/Herbs/traditional crop varieties with the purpose of providing planting material to interested farmers for cultivation	Nil	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00
	2.3.2 Developing Herbal Garden (Aarogya Vatika) and Herbal Café in Sural Valley	Nil	2,50,000.00	2,50,000.00
	2.3.3 Technological Support to Value Chains i.e Seabuckthorn, Medicinal Plants, NTFPs: 1. Juice Extraction Machine (1) 2. Vacuum Packaging Machine (2) 3. Dehydrator Machine/Drier (2)	Nil	12,00,000.00	12,00,000.00
	2.3.4 Basic Course in Mountaineering for local youths of Lahaul and Pangti	Nil	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00
	2.3.5 Search and Rescue Course for local youth of Lahaul and Pangti	Nil	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00
	2.3.6 Training programme on Nature/ Ecotourist Guides	Nil	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00
	2.3.7 Basic Level Home Stay/Hospitality Training	Nil	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00
	<b>Total of 2.3</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>34,50,000.00</b>	<b>34,50,000.00</b>
	<b>Total of Outcome 2</b>	<b>41,62,896.00</b>	<b>95,17,680.00</b>	<b>1,36,80,576.00</b>
<b>Outcome 3: Enhanced enforcement, monitoring and cooperation to reduce Wildlife Crime and related threats</b>				
Output	3.1			
Wildlife Agencies have information	3.1.1. Strengthening wildlife enforcement mechanism and	32,72,063.00	Nil	32,72,063.00

on hotspots and pathways of illegal trade to organize targeted operations against wildlife crime.	mitigation of wildlife crime & illegal trade in wildlife in SECURE Himalaya Project landscapes (TRAFFIC)			
	<b>Total of 3.1</b>	<b>32,72,063.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>32,72,063.00</b>
Output 3.2 Law Enforcement Agencies are provided with Technical Support and Training to increase capacity for combating Wildlife Crimes	3.2.1 Training of Law enforcement Agencies to reduce/control wildlife crime and illegal trade in wildlife.	Nil	1,00,000.00	1,00,000.00
	3.2.2 Training programme on Wildlife crime scene investigation and basics on forensics to frontline staff	Nil	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00
	3.2.3 Development and distribution of graphic pamphlets/booklets for identification of wildlife parts and medicinal plants (Printing Cost)	Nil	1,00,000.00	1,00,000.00
	<b>Total of 3.2</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>4,00,000.00</b>	<b>4,00,000.00</b>
Output 3.3 Community based surveillance, monitoring and wildlife crime and conflict prevention system developed and tested	3.3.1. Designing a comprehensive human-wildlife conflict (HWC) Management Strategy in SECURE Himalaya Project Landscapes	28,19,307.00	Nil	28,19,307.00
	3.3.2. Demonstration/augmentation of improved predator proof corrals for livestock to avoid the human wildlife conflict at two pilot sites one each in Lahaul and Pangi	Nil	5,00,000.00	5,00,000.00
	3.3.3. Constitution/Supporting the Division level Rapid Response Teams (RRT) for human wildlife conflict/forest offence cases in terms of capacity building and limited equipment support i.e Tranquiliser Gun, transport/capture cages, ropes, hooks, gloves and other miscellaneous items.	Nil	16,00,000.00	16,00,000.00
	3.3.4. Patrolling Kits to carry out Patrolling Exercises (Bag, Water Bottle, Torch, Umbrella, First Aid Kit, Trekking Shoes, Isoated/ Omni Heat Jacket and Lower, Sun Glasses, Thermal Cap, Tents (2 Persons)	Nil	6,00,000.00	6,00,000.00
	<b>Total of 3.3</b>	<b>28,19,307.00</b>	<b>27,00,000.00</b>	<b>55,19,307.00</b>
Output 3.4 Mechanisms for partnerships on inter-state and transboundary cooperation for tackling wildlife crime and improving species conservation in Himalayan ecosystem are developed and implemented	<b>Total of 3.4</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>
	<b>Total of Outcome 3</b>	<b>60,91,370.00</b>	<b>31,00,000.00</b>	<b>91,91,370.00</b>
<b>Outcome 4:</b> Lessons learned by the project through participatory M&E, including gender mainstreaming practices, are used to fight poaching and IWT and promote community-based conservation at the national and international levels				
Output 4.1 Project implementation achievements inform policy and legislation for conservation of high	<b>Total of 4.1</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>

  
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range Himalayan areas.				
Output 4.2 Communication and gender strategies and awareness campaigns to increase awareness on conservation, sustainable resource use and reduction of wildlife crime, and mainstream gender in promotion of community-based conservation developed and implemented at national, state and local levels	4.2.1. To develop a Communication Strategy with tools and implementation plans to sensitize various stakeholders and public involved (Srishti)	17,02,800.00	Nil	17,02,800.00
	4.2.2. Celebration of National and International Days relevant to SECURE i.e. Snow Leopard Day/ wildlife awareness programme involving school children. Competitions for school children's i.e. Quiz, Painting, Declamation contest etc	Nil	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00
	4.2.3 Establishment of student chapters at School/College level -3 at each landscape focused area around high conservation areas (Seichu TwanWild life sanctuary)	Nil	4,00,000.00	4,00,000.00
	4.2.4 Conducting SECURE Mitra Goshathies in Pangi Landscape (Cluster wise)	Nil	1,60,000.00	1,60,000.00
	4.2.5 Printing/publication of IEC/ Communication material	Nil	4,00,000.00	4,00,000.00
	<b>Total of 4.2</b>	<b>17,02,800.00</b>	<b>12,60,000.00</b>	<b>29,62,800.00</b>
	<b>Total of Outcome 4</b>	<b>17,02,800.00</b>	<b>12,60,000.00</b>	<b>29,62,800.00</b>
<b>5. Project Management</b>				
Engaging staff for State Level Project Management Unit and Landscape Level Project Management Unit	30,00,000.00	Nil	30,00,000.00	
Hiring of additional project staff (one IC at State level and 2 Community Mobilisers for landscape one each for Lahaul and Pangi)	12,00,000.00	Nil	12,00,000.00	
Operational Expenses for Landscape Project Vehicle (Fuel, Maintainence etc)	Nil	1,85,000.00	1,85,000.00	
Driver on outsourcing (for Landscape project vehicle)	Nil	1,80,000.00	1,80,000.00	
Hiring of Taxi on (As and When required basis for project related activities only)	Nil	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	
Travel for SPMU (Vehicle hiring)	Nil	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	
Interstate or any other travel to be managed by UNDP CO	4,00,000.00		4,00,000.00	
SPSC/SLTC/LLPMC meetings	Nil	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	
Printing and Stationary	Nil	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	
Contingency	Nil	4,00,000.00	4,00,000.00	
<b>Total of 5</b>	<b>46,00,000.00</b>	<b>18,15,000.00</b>	<b>64,15,000.00</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,58,44,501.00</b>	<b>2,29,42,680.00</b>		
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>5,87,87,181.00</b>	
<b>(Rupees Five Crore Eighty Seven Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty One Only)</b>				

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